

# House File 2039 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act raising the compulsory education attendance age, providing  
2 for related matters, and providing an effective date.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 5683HH 82  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 299.1A, Code 2007, is amended to read  
1 2 as follows:  
1 3 299.1A COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGE.  
1 4 ~~\* Except as provided in section 299.2, a child who has~~  
1 5 reached the age of six and is under ~~sixteen~~ eighteen years of  
1 6 age by September 15 is of compulsory attendance age. However,  
1 7 if a child enrolled in a school district or accredited  
1 8 nonpublic school reaches the age of ~~sixteen~~ eighteen on or  
1 9 after September 15, the child remains of compulsory age until  
1 10 the end of the regular school calendar.

1 11 Sec. 2. Section 299A.8, Code Supplement 2007, is amended  
1 12 to read as follows:

1 13 299A.8 DUAL ENROLLMENT.

1 14 If a parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a child who is  
1 15 receiving competent private instruction under this chapter ~~or~~

~~1 16 a child over compulsory age who is receiving private~~

~~1 17 instruction~~ submits a request, the child shall also be

1 18 registered in a public school for dual enrollment purposes.

1 19 If the child is enrolled in a public school district for dual

1 20 enrollment purposes, the child shall be permitted to

1 21 participate in any academic activities in the district and

1 22 shall also be permitted to participate on the same basis as

1 23 public school children in any extracurricular activities

1 24 available to children in the child's grade or group, and the

1 25 parent, guardian, or legal custodian shall not be required to

1 26 pay the costs of any annual evaluation under this chapter. If

1 27 the child is enrolled for dual enrollment purposes, the child

1 28 shall be included in the public school's basic enrollment

1 29 under section 257.6. A pupil who is participating only in

1 30 extracurricular activities shall be counted under section

1 31 257.6, subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (6). A pupil

1 32 enrolled in grades nine through twelve under this section

1 33 shall be counted in the same manner as a shared-time pupil

1 34 under section 257.6, subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph

1 35 (3).

2 1 Sec. 3. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance

2 2 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring

2 3 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall

2 4 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid

2 5 received by the school district under section 257.16. This

2 6 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed

2 7 to meet all the state funding-related requirements of section

2 8 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding shall be

2 9 necessary for the full implementation of this Act by and

2 10 enforcement of this Act against all affected school districts.

2 11 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July 1,

2 12 2009.

2 13 EXPLANATION

2 14 This bill raises the compulsory school attendance age from

2 15 16 to 18 years of age. The bill includes technical amendments

2 16 to eliminate a reference to the compulsory attendance age for

2 17 purposes of dual enrollment.

2 18 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code

2 19 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of any

2 20 state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school

2 21 district from state school foundation aid received by the  
2 22 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification  
2 23 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state  
2 24 mandate funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2.  
2 25 The inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate  
2 26 the requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any  
2 27 state mandates included in the bill.  
2 28 The bill takes effect July 1, 2009.  
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